

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the agricultural research and education in the country is not in a position to percolate research benefits to farmers due to lack of financial support;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No Sir, a number of programmes have been taken up by the agricultural research and education system in the country to percolate research benefits to the farmers. These are as follows:

261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) for conducting training of farmers and extension personnel, front-line demonstrations, and on-farm testing;

53 Zonal Agricultural Research Stations remanded to take up additional functions of KVKs;

40 Agricultural Technology Information Centres for providing technology products, diagnostic services and technology information to the farmers, and

70 centres for Technology Assessment and Refinement on location specific basis through Institution Village Linkage Programme.

(c) A sum of Rs. 347.70 crores earmarked for the purpose during the Ninth Five Year Plan.